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CONSTRUCT AUTO FACTORY AT ZERAN;  
CRITICIZE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

WILL START PRODUCTION IN 1952 -- Trybuna Ludu, No 311, 11 Nov 49

On 10 November, the Betonstal State Building Contractors finished erecting the prefabricated parts of the first large workshop of an automobile factory in Zeran near Warsaw. Construction was begun on 4 July 1949. Plans were worked out by Italian specialists, but the Central Bureau for Industrial Design substituted prefabricated reinforced concrete building blocks for the ordinary reinforced concrete construction. In this way, cost and construction time were reduced greatly. Two workshops of the factory will be completed by summer 1950.

In addition to the factory, an administration building, recreation building, training school for mechanics, and a housing development for the factory's workers will be built. Off the Modlinska Highway, the groundwork has already been completed on the automobile proving grounds to be ready for use by 1951. There are 1,800 workers, 64 percent of whom participate in the work competition program, employed on the construction of the factory. The factory will turn out its first automobiles in 1952 and will have an annual production of approximately 10,000 cars.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BEHIND SCHEDULE -- Zycie Warszawy, No 312, 12 Nov 49

The construction of school buildings in Warsaw is far behind the needs of a growing population. Although the Six-Year Plan provides 6,140,000,000 slotys for school buildings in Warsaw, only 635 million, or roughly 10 percent of the total appropriation, are assigned for 1950, the first year of the plan.

Plans and schedules are not being met. For instance, a school at Koper-  
nika Street which was to have been finished in 1949 will not be ready before  
fall 1950. In the Mirowo section of Warsaw, a school building expected to be  
finished by 1 September 1949 is only in the very early stages of construction.

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There are already 6,000 residents in the Mokotow development, but no school building has been provided, although children of school age constitute 12 percent of the population.

BUILDING INDUSTRY CONVENTION SCORES ABSENTEEISM -- Zycie Warszawy, No 312, 12 Nov 49

The convention of engineers, efficiency experts, shock workers, and trade union activists of the building industry announced that 84,000 workers are now participating in labor competitions while only 3,789 took part at the end of 1948.

Average output increased by 11 percent. Individual production and quality, however, present striking differences. There are, for example, skilled workers or foremen who have exceeded their quotas by 300 or 400 percent, yet work only 3 or 4 days a week. The trade unions have not applied punitive sanctions against absenteeism until now. No exceptions will be tolerated in the future.

Manpower in the building industry is poorly distributed, with too many workers employed in one building and too few in others. Accelerated construction methods will account for an additional 11,000 rooms in dwelling units during the current year.

The USSR delivered ahead of schedule 55 conveyers and other mechanical equipment for Poland's building industry.

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